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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the document so listed is enclosed.

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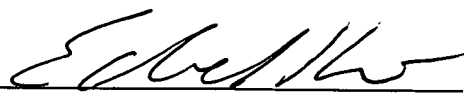
The foregoing document was discussed in an Amendment After Final Rejection dated June 27, 2003. In this regard, Applicants wish to clarify the discussion of the foregoing patent provided in that Amendment. In particular, Applicants wish to point out that while Barzel adjusts the device-neutrals at any given lightness level, it leaves the remaining colors at that lightness level unchanged. Therefore, colors that are nearly neutral will have a much higher chroma. Accordingly, Barzel's method, while adjusting device

neutrals, may introduce a gap or discontinuity between the nearly neutral colors and the neutral colors. Because the human visual system is very sensitive to nearly neutral colors, such a gap may be very noticeable to the human viewer. In contrast, the present invention adjusts each forward mapped value utilizing the obtained mismatch values, not just the device neutrals.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is filed with an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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